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SUBJECT: TEXT OF MRS. CARTER'S  
PRESS CONFERENCE IN QUITO JUNE 2

1. Q. WHAT IF ANYTHING DID YOU DECIDE TODAY CONCERNING  
THE TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON ECUADOR IN THE 1974 TRADE ACT?

2. A. IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, WE DID NOT EVEN GET TO IT.  
WE HAD A PROGRAM. WE DISCUSSED POLITICAL RELATIONS,  
MILITARY RELATIONS, INTERNAL RELATIONS, AND WE WERE  
GETTING TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WHEN WE GAVE OUT OF  
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TIME, SO WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING LATER ABOUT THOSE AND  
THEY'RE GOING TO BE GIVING ME SOME PAPERS, TOO, WITH OUR  
POSITIONS ON THEM.

3. Q. DID THE ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS REQUEST ANY ARMS FROM  
THE U.S.?

4. A. I TALKED WITH THEM ABOUT THE CONCERNS THAT WE'D BEEN TOLD AND DIFFERENT ARMAMENTS AND I EXPLAINED TO THEM JIMMY'S POLICY. I THINK YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT JIMMY WAS DEVELOPING HIS ARMS PROGRAM WHEN HE HAD TO MAKE THE DECISION ON THE KFIRS. THIS DECISION WAS NOT AIMED AT ECUADOR; IT WAS A GLOBAL DECISION AND NOW JIMMY DOES HAVE A POLICY ON ARMAMENTS. I THINK YOU'RE PROBABLY FAMILIAR WITH THAT. WE'RE GOING TO DECREASE THE SALE OF ARMAMENTS EVERY YEAR... BUT WE'RE GOING TO WORK CLOSER WITH PURCHASERS OF ARMS AND ALSO SUPPLIERS OF ARMS TO TRY TO DECREASE THE ARMAMENTS AND HE HAS A VERY GOOD PROGRAM THAT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND HAVE THE PROGRAM FOR, BUT WE DID DISCUSS THAT, YES. ANOTHER PART OF THAT WAS THAT THE THIRD PART OF HIS ARMAMENTS PROGRAM IS THAT WE WILL NOT INTRODUCE INTO ANY AREA OF THE WORLD, FIRST, SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS. THEY TOLD ME THAT PERU HAS SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS AND I TOLD THEM THAT I WOULD MENTION THAT WITH JIMMY. I ALSO TOLD THEM THAT JIMMY WAS NOT PROMISING ANYTHING THAT HE COULD NOT DELIVER ON AND SO WE DID NOT COME TO ANY DECISION ABOUT IT. I DID NOT MAKE ANY PROMISES TO THEM ABOUT THE SITUATION. JIMMY'S PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ELIMINATE THE SPECTER OF WAR AND TO STOP THE ARMAMENT ESCALATION. WE HAD A VERY GOOD DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT AND I TOLD THEM THAT I WOULD CONVEY TO JIMMY THEIR MESSAGES.

5. Q. WHAT DID THEY SAY ABOUT--AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED-- OF THE ARMAMENT SITUATION IN PERU?

6. A. THEY JUST EXPLAINED TO ME THEIR VIEW OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING MIN PERU. I WOULD RATHER DISCUSS THAT WITH JIMMY.  
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I THINK THEY CAN TELL YOU. I THINK YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE PERUVIAN SITUATION. WE SYMPATHIZE... WE UNDERSTAND-- I THINK THAT'S A BETTER WORD--WE UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELING, OF COURSE.

7. Q. IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MRS. CARTER, DID YOU DISCUSS WITH THE ECUADOREANS THE SITUATION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS BEING HELD IN ECUADOREAN JAILS ON DRUG CHARGES AWAITING TRIAL, AND ON ANOTHER LEVEL DO YOU INTEND TO BRING THIS TOPIC UP IN PERU AND IN BOGOTA WHERE NOW OVER 200 AMERICANS ARE NOW IN JAIL?

8. A. I DID NOT SPEAK WITH HIM ABOUT THAT. WE DID SPEAK-- HE GAVE ME A GENERAL OVERALL VIEW OF THE POLICY, THE PROGRAMS, THE FOREIGN POLICY, THEIR FEELINGS, THE FEELINGS AND THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE ECUADOR. AND NOT ONLY THE PROBLEMS, BUT ALSO THEIR HOPES: FOR INSTANCE, THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT. HE TOLD ME ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS. THEY HAVE SIGNED THE

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. AND, WELL, THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL RATIFY THIS. AND THEN I GAVE HIM AN OVERVIEW OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. WE DID DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT SITUATION. WE HAD TIME ONLY IN THE END, WE CAME BACK VERY QUICKLY TO IT, TO TALK ABOUT STRENGTHENING THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WILL BE COMING UP AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN GRENADA IN JUNE.

9. Q. YOU WILL BE MEETING AGAIN MRS. CARTER?

10. A. THIS EVENING AT THE BANQUET, YES, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS. WE HOPE WE'LL DO THE REST OF THIS PAPER. IT WAS A VERY GOOD, VERY INFORMATIVE, I THINK VALUABLE, DISCUSSION FOR BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES. THE LAST ONES WERE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL. WE TOUCHED ON IT BRIEFLY IN THE OPENING OVERALL CONVERSATIONS BUT WE DID  
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NOT GET DOWN TO THE SPECIFICS IN THAT LAST BECAUSE I HAD TO BE HERE AT 1:15 AND IT WAS ALREADY 1:15 SO WE JUST HAD TO STOP.  
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